**4-H Blast**

August 2, 2023

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4-H Happenings Coming Up:

* **August 12: Mkt. Turkey Orders Due, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon. Co. Extension Office**
* **August 15: State Fair of Texas/Heart of Texas Entries Due, Co. Extension Office**
* **August 15: Club Managers Enrollment Starts**
* **August 19: 4-H Open House, 9am-12pm, Co. Extension Office**
* **August 25: Tag orders due for sheep/goats and heifers**
* **August 29: County Council Meeting/4-H Banquet Prep, 5:30pm, Co. Extension Office**
* **September 1: Enrollment and Re-enrollment starts!**
* **September 5: Cloverbuds Meeting, 5:15pm, YHS Cafeteria (Cameron)- NEW LOCATION!**
* **September 10: 4-H Banquet, 2pm, Cameron PAC**
* **September 13: Rabbits Tag in, 5:30 to 7:00 pm, Home Demonstration Building, Rockdale Fair Park**
* **September 13: Breeding Beef Heifer entries postmarked and due**
* **September 21: Baked Goods: Entry forms must be postmarked deadline**
* **October 3: Cloverbuds Meeting, 5:15pm, YHS Cafeteria (Cameron)- NEW LOCATION!**

***Important Addresses:***

* **County Extension Office/Milam County Annex: 806 N Crockett Avenue, Cameron TX**
* **YEB (Youth Exposition Building): 301 S Houston Ave, Cameron, TX 76520**
* **Extension Office Conference: Meeting Room by Extension Office inside Milam County Annex**
* **Bea’s Kitchen (Senior Center inside of Milam County Annex): 806 N Crockett Avenue, Cameron TX**

***Milam County 4-H Shirts:***

**Shirts are here at the office for purchase! Come by and see what we have! They are $15 each.**

***4-H Open House:***

**NEW! We will be hosting a Milam County 4-H Open House on Saturday, August 19th, from 9am-12pm at the Milam County Extension Office. If you are in 4-H and would like to learn more about certain 4-H clubs or projects or you are new and thinking about joining 4-H, this is a great opportunity to learn about all the 4-H clubs, activities, and projects available. You will learn about county projects, contests, teams, practices. You will also receive information on local livestock shows, scholarship opportunities, and much more! Come join us!!!! We will have a prize if you attend and visit 5 booths!!**

***4-H Banquet:***

**The Milam County 4-H Banquet will be held September 10th at 2pm at the Cameron ISD Performing Arts Center. We will be recognizing 4-H clubs, leaders, recordbook participants, award winners, and even outstanding 4-H club members! Come and plan to attend! It’s also a great way to learn more about 4-H!**

***NEW 4-H Year:***

**The New 4-H year will start on September 1st! Please mark this on your calendar to register and re-enroll on 4-H online on September 1st. All 4-H club leaders and managers will need to re-enroll on August 15th.**

**ENROLLMENT: SEPTEMBER 1st is the first day to RE-ENROLL in 4-H! This is for 4-H members and volunteers!!!** [www.join4h.com](http://www.join4h.com) **Tell your friends to sign up!!! To re-enroll or join 4-H, please see our website:** <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-enrollmentguidelines/> **This link will show you the steps to join as well as many important items for the 4-H year! Join us for 4-H fun!**

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR ENROLLMENT BEFORE YOU SUBMIT IT! If you are awaiting review, you are good! If it says resubmit or incomplete, you will need to finish before you can be approved!**

***Heart of Texas/State Fair of Texas Entries:***

<https://linktr.ee/milamcountyagrilifeextension>

**Follow this link for entry materials for State Fair and Heart of Texas. Entry materials are due in the office by August 15th.**

***Cloverbuds Meetings:***

**We are so excited to get back to cloverbuds meetings this year! Cloverbuds are Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade students. We regularly meet each month and learn about 4-H and have fun!!!! This year, we have a new 4-H leader, Corley Callahan! She is excited about getting going and has some fun activities for you all!**

**All meetings will be at 5:15pm at the YHS Cafeteria (303 E 12th St, Cameron, TX 76520).**

**Here are the dates and themes for each month:**

**September 5th- Horses**

**October 3rd- Goats**

**November 7th- Turkeys**

**December 5th- Donkeys**

**January 9th- Cows**

**February 6th- Rabbits**

**March 5th- Pigs**

**April 2nd- Dogs**

***Rockdale Fair Rules Posted:***

**Rockdale Fair: October 19-21, 2023**

**The Rockdale Fair have been posted to the 4-H Website and can be viewed here:** <https://milam.4h.agrilife.org/rockdale-fair/> **Please READ ALL THE RULES for Important Dates and Deadlines!**

**Tag Orders/Deadlines:**

* **Broilers: pick-up September 8th, Home Demonstration Bldg., Fair Park, 4:30 to 6:30 pm, Cost per broiler: $1.74**
* **Rabbits: September 13th, 2023, 5:30 to 7:00 pm, Home Demonstration Building, Rockdale Fair Park**
* **Breeding Beef Heifer entries postmarked and due September 13, 2023**
* **Ag Mechanics: Entry forms must be postmarked no later than midnight, October 2, 2023.**
* **Baked Goods: Entry forms must be postmarked no later than September 21, 2023**
* **All exhibitors showing market animals, commercial heifers, breeding beef heifers, baked food and ag mechanic projects will be required to come to one board approved cleanup/set up day, Saturday, October 7th, 8am to 11am, Saturday, October 14th, 8:00am to 11:00am or Sunday, October 15, 1:30pm to 4:30pm. Exhibitors will be required to sign in. FAILURE TO ATTEND MAY RESULT IN PROBATION OR DISQUALIFICATION.**

***Milam County Junior Livestock Show:***

**All rules have been posted on the MCJLS website and can be found here:** <https://mcjla.org/>

**March 20-23, 2024**

**September 5: Steer Tag In, Milam Co. major show tags will be accepted, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. (Youth Expo Bldg) November 1: Beef Heifer Tag In, (Contact steer superintendent before October 15, 2023)**

**November 6: Intention to Tag In Commercial Heifers to Chairman (MCJLS)**

**November 27: Mkt. Swine, Lambs, & Goats Tag In, 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. (subject to change). Milam County Major show tags will be accepted.**

**December 11: Mkt. Broilers Order Due, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Youth Expo Bldg.**

**February 24: Mkt. Bunnies will be tattooed, 8:00 –10:00 a.m. (subject to change).**

**August 12: Mkt. Turkey Orders Due, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon. Milam Co. Extension Office. 806 N Crockett, Cameron.**

**Please see the rules for more information!**

**Entry Nights:**

**February 6: Thorndale**

**February 8: Cameron**

**April 15: Thank you notes due (hand delivered)**

***4-H Facebook:*** Do not forget we have a 4-H Facebook page!!!! We post 4-H Blasts, 4-H contest results and neat opportunities to do in 4-H! Make sure that you “see us first” in your settings. Step 1: Like the Page, Step 2: Click on 3 dots by search and like and then click Follow Settings, Step 3: set as favorite, Step 4: Click on Posts and choose STANDARD, Then you will see all 4-H posts when they arrive!

***Milam County 4-H Information!***For information about any 4-H related activity, please go to the website or facebook page! [www.Join4-h.com](http://www.Join4-h.com) or [www.facebook.com/milamcountyfourH](http://www.facebook.com/milamcountyfourH)

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